

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) An inking unit for a printing unit of a rotary printing press, said inking unit ~~being removably receivable in the printing unit and~~ comprising:

side walls[[,]];

a plurality of rolls arranged between said side walls[[,]];

a dedicated drive mounted on at least one of said side walls of said inking unit for driving said plurality of rolls[, and]];

guides arranged on and extending along the respective side walls of said inking unit and configured to interact with complementary guides on side walls of the printing unit so that said inking unit is insertable into and removable from the printing unit by said guides; and

interfaces for at least one of pressure medium supply, ink supply, dampening solution supply, and temperature control connections, said interfaces comprising quick-action couplings.

13. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, further comprising a damping unit.

14. (currently amended) The inking unit of claim 13, wherein said damping unit comprises damping rolls, said dedicated drive is being operatively arranged for driving said damping rolls.

15. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, wherein said plurality of rolls comprise one of distributor rolls and applicator rolls.

16. (currently amended) The inking unit of claim 12, further comprising ~~guides and stops, said inking unit configured as a cassette that is insertable into and removable from the printing unit by said guides and~~ positionable in the printing unit using said stops.

17. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, further comprising electrical interfaces for at least one of power, control, and data bus connections.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, further comprising at least one of a servo drive and a pressure medium operated operating cylinder.

20. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, wherein said inking unit is installable in and removable from the printing unit without tools.

21. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 12, wherein said inking unit is removable from the printing unit and operable in a further apparatus.

22. (previously presented) The inking unit of claim 21, wherein said inking unit is operable in the further apparatus that has compatible mechanical, fluid and electrical connections.

23. (new) The inking unit of claim 16, wherein each side wall of said inking unit comprises a bottom edge, the guides being arranged on and extending along the bottom edges of the respective side walls.

24. (new) The inking unit of claim 23, wherein said stops are arranged on the respective guides.